



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY

For the week ending March 29, 2003, growers placed 12.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grower houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.2 million) increased 4.1% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, a decrease of 0.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending March 22, 2003 compared to 13.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/01/03	14,841	14,662	11,027	11,744	11,612	11,744
02/08/03	14,876	14,547	11,298	11,787	11,027	11,787
02/15/03	14,966	13,226	11,711	11,870	11,298	11,870
02/22/03	14,797	13,818	12,161	12,082	11,711	12,082
03/01/03	14,767	14,050	12,293	11,961	12,295	11,961
03/08/03	14,224	14,829	12,315	10,815	12,293	10,815
03/15/03	14,817	14,995	12,179	11,405	12,317	11,405
* 03/22/03	13,885	14,400	12,153	11,592	12,179	11,592
03/29/03	14,349	14,327	11,701	12,184	12,154	12,184

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	04/05/03			
New York Weighted Avg	51.55	51.41	56.57	45.67
12-City Composite 2/	57.71	58.01	60.38	54.18

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
- 2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

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